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PAKISTANI SOURCES SAY MANY OF THE ANIMALS HAVE NOT  
ADJUSTED TO THEIR NEW CLIMATE. SOME HAVE DIED, OTHERS  
HAVE DEVELOPED CONJUNCTIVITIS, AND MANY ARE JUST TOO  
WOBBLY TO WORK. UNQUOTE. SHULTZ

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1. BY NOW AID/REP SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED IN THE POUCH A COPY OF THE QUOTE WASHINGTON TIMES UNQUOTE ARTICLE ON A.I.D. - FINANCED MULES. THE REFERENCES IN THE ARTICLE TO AFGHANS MISTREATING THE MULES HAVE GENERATED CONCERN AMONG ANIMAL LOVERS, PARTICULARLY THE WORLD SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF ANIMALS AND THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE U.S. THE HUMANE SOCIETY HAS CONTACTED USDA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN TENNESSEE. IT ALSO FORWARDED A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST TO A.I.D. WHICH IT SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED TO WITHDRAW. THE SOCIETY DOES, HOWEVER, HAVE TWO QUESTIONS IT HAS ASKED A.I.D. TO ANSWER: (1) WHAT TYPE OF ANIMAL CARE TRAINING IS GIVEN TO THE FUTURE MULETEERS; AND (2) DO WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE CONDITION OF THOSE MULES WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE ALLIANCE PARTIES.

2. AID/W HAS ADVISED THE HUMANE SOCIETY THAT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TOWARD APPROPRIATE ANIMAL CARE DURING THE TWO WEEK MULETEER TRAINING COURSE. WE HAVE ALSO MENTIONED FUTURE PLANS TO BEGIN A SMALL PARA-VETERINARY TRAINING PROGRAM. WE HAVE

ASKED ED CAESAR OF AMEG TO PROVIDE US WITH MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS. HE IS LOOKING FOR A CURRICULUM OUTLINE AND REVIEWING RECENT REPORTS FOR RELEVANT INFORMATION.

3. NEITHER WE NOR CAESAR HAVE ANY INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THE SECOND QUESTION. HAVE AMEG EMPLOYEES OR OTHER RELIABLE SOURCES VISITED PARTY FACILITIES TO OBSERVE THE CONDITION OF THE ANIMALS?

3. ANY ASSISTANCE AID/REP COULD PROVIDE IN ANSWERING HUMANE SOCIETY QUESTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. WE HAVE PROMISED A RESPONSE BY MARCH 25.

4. FYI: MARCH 14 EDITION OF TIME MAGAZINE CONTAINED A PARAGRAPH IN ITS "WORLD NOTES" SECTION WHICH COULD GENERATE ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. PARAGRAPH IS QUOTED BELOW.

5. QUOTE: THE MUJAHEDIN HAVE ALSO BEEN UNHAPPY WITH SOME OF THE AID GETTING THROUGH. LAST DECEMBER THE U.S. SHIPPED ALMOST 2,000 TENNESSEE MULES TO PAKISTAN TO CARRY REBEL SUPPLIES ACROSS THE BORDER. HOWEVER,

DECONTROLLED FOLLOWING

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